

# The First Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church).

### Saturday, November 30

Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

8:00am: Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Bell and Barbara

5:00pm: +Dooley Fava+

### Sunday, December 1

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9:00am: Rachel Anne Pardieck Hazelwood

11:30am: Pro Populo

### Monday, December 2

Advent Weekday

8:00am: Donald & Martha Williams

### Tuesday, December 3

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00am: Robin Parker

### Wednesday, December 4

Optional Memorial of St. John Damascene, Priest

8:00am: Vincent & Kelly Tague

### Thursday, December 5

Advent Weekday

8:00am: John Cahill, CSC

### Friday, December 6

Optional Memorial of St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00am: Joe & Angelia Grech

### Saturday, December 7

Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

8:00am: Billy Storen

5:00pm: Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Dubin

## Christmas Schedule

### Tuesday, December 24th

3:10pm Children's Rosary  
3:30pm Children's Pageant  
4:00pm Christmas Mass  
8:00pm Christmas Mass  
10:00pm Christmas Mass

### Wednesday, December 25th

9:00am Christmas Mass

## Christmas at Sea



Please help the Stella Maris Seafarers Ministry and the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society give a little Christmas cheer to the crews of the

cargo cargo ships that call in our port. Boxes and instructions are again available in the Parish Hall. Please return the **wrapped** gift boxes to the Parish Hall and they will be brought out to the terminals for distribution between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*No bows, please; they make it difficult to stack and transport the boxes on board the ships.*

For more information e-mail Deacon Paul at [paul.rosenblum@stellamarismail.org](mailto:paul.rosenblum@stellamarismail.org) or call or text him at 843 822-3572. Thank you for all your past help and your continued participation. *Our Lady, Stella Maris, pray for us!*

## Parking Code

For free parking in the city garage during Sunday Mass, please scan this barcode in the parking kiosk.

*Saint Mary of the Annunciation*

## Parish News

### New Sunday Mass Schedule

Please note the Sunday Mass schedule beginning this weekend, The First Sunday of Advent.

The current 11:00am Sunday Mass will be changed to 11:30am. This will give our religious education program more breathing space so that some may attend the later Mass if needed.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

As The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on the Second Sunday of Advent this year, observance of the Solemnity be celebrated the following day, Monday, Dec. 9, and it remains a Holy Day of Obligation. The schedule of Masses at St. Mary's on December 9th is as follows:

8:00am                      12 noon                      6:00pm

*Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!*

### Please Pray for:

Alice	Caleb Marshall	Marvin H.
Clayton	Steve McLaughlin	Val Preston
DBF	Robin Mahal	Norma Nance
Regina	Michael Moore	Carter Naile
D. Carter	Robin Ann Parker	Laura Fontaine
Robin Dagostino	Sydney Reddick	Nick Digangi
John Devane	John Rowland	James Darby Parker
Steve Donaldson	David Shah	Mark E.
C. Evans	Joe Ward	Carson Parker
Paul Madden	Carole White	Barbara Pelletier
Nancy S.	Chloe	

To add or delete someone in the Prayer List, email the person's name to [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church).

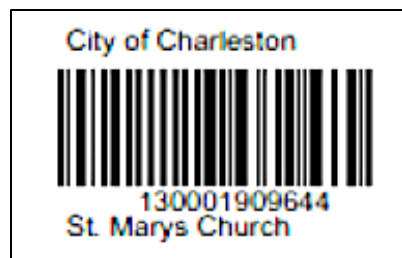
### Increased Offertory Program

Thank you to all our parishioners that have participated in our "His Heart, Our Hands" Increased Offertory Program. If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card, please return it at your earliest convenience. As of November 24, 2024, our parish has a 17% response rate to our increased offertory program. Many hands make for light work! Thanks for your prayerful response!

*St. Mary of the Annunciation, pray for us!*

### St. John the Evangelist Painting

Our restoration project continues from now until early December. Catherine Rogers and Craig Crawford are currently restoring the painting of St. John the Evangelist.



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## Notes of Interest

**Advent Reflections.** As in past years, parishioner and biblical scholar Betsy Cahill will be offering daily Advent reflections by email. These brief meditations are accompanied by a prayer and a link to the day's lectionary readings. The reflections will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, and will conclude on Christmas Eve. Many readers have enjoyed these reflections over the last several years. To sign up, please go to [www.betsycahill.com](http://www.betsycahill.com) and fill out the form on the website. If you have any questions, please contact Betsy at [betsy@betsycahill.com](mailto:betsy@betsycahill.com). It is our hope that the fruits of these reflections will accompany you each day and fill you with joyful anticipation throughout the Advent season.

**Mepkin Abbey - Crèche Festival - "Nativity In Glass and Under Glass"** was visited by 17 members of the The Ladies Altar Society on November 24<sup>th</sup>. FYI, this year's reservations to see the Creche display are sold out.

**The Charleston Catholic School**, as a small Catholic school, relies on the generosity of our community to support our mission. We invite you to join us in making a lasting impact on the future of our school and the lives of our young learners. Please consider donating today at <https://charlestoncatholic.ejoinme.org/Donate>.

**Angel Trees** in the Parish Hall and in the Narthex of the Church support the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center and the Confirmation class adopted family. To donate, you may take a tag from a tree and return the listed donations to the Parish Hall by December 15th, or simply scan the QR code on the tag to purchase items to be sent directly to the center. Thank you!

## Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
<b>November 30 – December 1: The First Sunday of Advent</b>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Michael Rowell Christine Rowell	Bill Booth-1 <sup>st</sup> Tommy Hartnett-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pete Ward Cathy Rosenblum	Charles Gerken Tolly Gerken Bennett Sease Jane Teegardin Liam Teegardin	Marc Oberdorff John Pauline	John Swanson
Sunday 9:00 AM	Anne Condon Billy Condon	Cherie Aimar-1 <sup>st</sup> Anne Frances Bleecker-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adelaida Bennett Lisa Castillo Mark Castillo Billy Condon	Jack Wohlfeil Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Jose Rodriguez Al Stiles	Ben Flessas
Sunday 11:30 AM	Linda Jones Larry Jones	Open Open	Open Open	Benjamin Coco Landon Coco Molly Gill Sarah Gill	Carl Wohlfeil John Gill	Lee Gastley
Sunday Hospitality: No Coffee: Thanksgiving						
<b>December 7 – December 8: The Second Sunday of Advent</b>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Mary Helen Wofford-1 <sup>st</sup> Nate Wofford-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pete Ward Cathy Rosenblum	Max Barreira Pippa Taylor Clare Wofford Damian Wofford	Jordan Rock Open	John Swanson
Sunday 9:00 AM	Beatty Martin James Martin	Conrad Linhart-1 <sup>st</sup> Roy Howell-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brandon Hoffman Al Stiles Nicholas Lyden April Cullen	Charles Gerken Tolly Gerken Jane Teegardin Liam Teegardin	Taylor Rodriguez Mark Zdanewicz	Cliff Moore
Sunday 11:30 AM	Joseph Koval Susan Koval	Anne Frances Bleecker-1 <sup>st</sup> Tommy Hartnett-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Open	Open Open Open Open	Carl Wohlfeil John Gill	Ben Flessas
Sunday Hospitality: C. Rosenblum, D. Noel, E. Marshall, M. Savinda, J. Nuss, J. Taylor, M. Taylor, M. Scott						

## Offertory Report

November 23 - November 24	Budget	Variance	
<b>Offertory</b>			
In Pew \$	5,246.00		
Online \$	2,972.46		
C of C \$	140.00		
<b>This Week's Total</b>	<b>8,358.46</b>	<b>\$ (84.54)</b>	
<b>Total Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$ 155,990.65</b>	<b>\$ 177,303.00</b>	<b>\$ (21,312.35)</b>
<b>Building &amp; Renovation</b>			
In Pew \$	705.00		
Online \$	55.05		
<b>Total</b>	<b>760.05</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (3,239.95)</b>
<b>Total Fiscal YTD</b>	<b>\$ 15,622.49</b>	<b>\$ 84,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (68,377.51)</b>
<b>Bicentennial Campaign</b>			
	Goal	Raised	
In Pew \$	705.00		
Online \$			
<b>Total</b>	<b>705.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,185,957.56</b>
<b>Catholic Appeal of SC</b>			
	Goal	Raised	
	\$ 25,789.00	\$ 23,015.00	

### Second Collection

The Second Collection for this week will be for our Building and Renovation Fund. A special thank you to the family who funded the restoration of the painting of St. John the Evangelist which is currently underway.

Next week the Second Collection will be for the Retirement Fund for Religious to provide financial support in retirement for the men and women religious who have given their lives to the Church.

### On-Line Giving

Giving online is easy and allows you to schedule contributions and view your complete online giving history. To do so, visit:

[sma.church/online-giving.html](http://sma.church/online-giving.html).

Recently, we have received notices from Vanco, our online giving provider, detailing declined transactions because of card expiration, invalid card number or the card issuer declining the transaction. Please review your recent donations for accuracy. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Church through on-line giving.

### Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$ 3,185,957.56  
Current Amount Collected: \$ 3,038,312.22  
Fulfillment Rate: 95%  
Still To Be Collected: \$ 147,645.34  
Number of Donors: 174

We are continuing the next phase of restoring the church ceiling paintings. To learn more and to pledge or donate on-line, please visit [sma.church](http://sma.church) and click on the "Bicentennial Campaign." Thank you to all who have made pledges. You have helped make all this possible.

*Saint Mary of the Annunciation, pray for us!*



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## St. Mary's Men's Holy Name Society Christmas Item Sale

The Society will be selling Christmas items through December 22<sup>nd</sup> at the church entrance after all weekend masses.

There will be five Christmas ornaments available, all of which are replications of St. Mary's stain glass windows by Franz Myer Glassworks: The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity The Adoration of the Magi, and The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

The Visitation and Presentation Ornaments are this year's new additions. Complete your set of five or purchase an entire set.

A gift box of 12 Christmas cards, six cards each of the The Nativity and The Adoration of the Magi, replicated from the stain glass windows will be available.

Both the Ornaments and Christmas Cards will be held at prior year's prices. We are also introducing an exciting new item, beautiful hand carved wood crosses in various sizes.

### Counters Needed

The Parish Office is looking to add counters for the Offertory Collection. For more information, and to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696 or via email at [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church).

### Housebound?

### Going into the Hospital?

If you or your loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Eucharist, please contact Msgr. Droze at 843.834.7050. Your contact is the only way we will know you are in need.

### Contact Information

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**After Hours Emergency Number:**  
843.834.7050

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

For help with food, electric & water bills, medical & prescription costs, rent, transportation, and clothing.

843.727.1577

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